Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting December 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on December 17, 2015, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, Jeff Berres, and William Muche. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. Sheriff Dale Schmidt, County Corporation Counsel John F. Corey, and Norbert Kreuziger were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Muche to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2015: Minutes of December 3, 2015 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sheriff Schmidt addressed the Committee to express his concerns about the ATV-UTV Access to County Trunk Highways Policy and his recommendation to include a county-wide speed limit of 30-35 MPH.

Norbert Kreuziger spoke about his concerns regarding right-of-way limits and usage adjacent to his property on CTH M in the Town of Emmet.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: County Administrator Mielke gave an update on an insurance claim/vehicle accident involving a County-owned piece of equipment and a private vehicle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee reports.

APPROVE PER DIEMS AND MILEAGE: Per diems and mileage for Berres and Muche for attending the December 9th Drainage District meeting at the Administration Building were denied.

PROJECT UPDATES: Appraisals are in progress for purchasing right-of-way for CTH YY (STH 49 – N. County Line).

Reconstruction plans for CTH C (Jersey Road – USH 151) are 50-60% complete. Right-of-way will be purchased in 2016.

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CONSIDER TRUCK QUOTATIONS: The following quotations were received for two new 2016 7,000 lb. GVW crew cab trucks:

Vendor	Make & Model	Cost
Ewald's Hartford Ford, LLC	2016 Ford F150 WIE XLT	\$61,280.00
Ewald Chevrolet Buick, LLC	2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$61,488.00
Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, LLC	2016 Ram 1500 Crew Cab SLT	\$64,406.00

Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to purchase two 2016 Ford F150's from Ewald's Hartford Ford, LLC. Motion carried.

The following quotations were received for one new 2016 13,000 lb. GVW one-ton dual rear wheel crew cab truck with utility body:

Vendor	Make & Model	Cost
Ewald's Hartford Ford, LLC	2016 Ford F350 XLT	\$45,742.00
Ewald Chevrolet Buick, LLC	2016 Chev. Silverado 3500 LT	\$47,666.00
Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, LLC	2016 Ram 3500 SLT	\$47,973.00

Motion by Muche and seconded by Grebel to purchase a new 2016 Ford F350 from Ewald's Hartford Ford, LLC. Motion carried.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT OPTION UPDATE: No action was taken by the Drainage Board in Drainage District #1 at the December 9th meeting. More engineering and construction estimates are being developed.

DRIVEWAY APPEAL ON CTH C IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to deny the Berndt access appeal due to substandard sight distance at the requested location. The spacing requirements will be waived to allow an access with safe sight distance if the owner chooses to accept this option. Motion carried.

REVIEW TIMELINE FOR NEOSHO SHOP REPLACEMENT PROJECT: It was the consensus of all present to arrange project bids to be due on or before March 3, 2016, and that a resolution be prepared for the March County Board meeting to address the funding of this project.

DISCUSS TDA FLY-IN: Field and Caine will attend the TDA Fly-In to Washington, DC on April 6 and 7, 2016.

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NEOSHO PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE: Corporation Counsel John Corey provided an oral and written report to the Committee regarding the proposed purchase by the Highway Department from St. Matthew Congregation of a 5.487 acre parcel of vacant land located in the Village of Neosho. Mr. Corey reviewed with the Committee, among other things, the written provision, authored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, which states as follows:

"Except for the warranties of title in the limited warranty deed, the parties hereby acknowledge that for and in consideration of the purchase price and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Seller makes no statement, warranties or representations oral or written, as to or concerning the condition of the property, including without limitation, the environmental conditions which may exist on the property. The conveyance of the property is being made on an "as-is" basis and the Buyer acknowledges that it is relying on its own inspections and due diligence to ascertain the condition and adequacy of the property for Buyer's intended use."

Mr. Corey stated that one of the conditions established by St. Matthew Congregation for the sale of the parcel of vacant land to the Highway Department is that the above-quoted written provision be included in the final sale and purchase agreement by and between Dodge County and St. Matthew Congregation. Motion by Grebel and seconded by Muche to approve the inclusion of this written provision in the final sale and purchase agreement by and between Dodge County and St. Matthew Congregation. Motion carried.

REVIEW FLOOD DAMAGED PROPERTY LOSS CLAIM FROM ROBERT AND ANNA SCHUTTE, W9154 COUNTY ROAD S, BEAVER DAM: Corporation Counsel Corey sent a letter to the owners informing them that this claim will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on February 1, 2016 and the County Board on February 15, 2016.

REVIEW VOUCHER PAYMENT REGISTERS AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Voucher payment registers and December credit card payments were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: Eminent domain concerns, CTH M right-of-way concerns, ATV-UTV policy, and surplus salt storage options.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2016, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: The Committee field reviewed the right-of-way boundaries on CTH M in the Town of Emmet adjacent to the Kreuziger property.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned	d at 11:05 a.m.
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Harold J. Johnson – Chairman	Randy Grebel - Secretary

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